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For : IMAGE PICK-UP UNIT INCLUDING AN IMAGE PICK-UP DEVICE
AND OPTICAL FILTER LAYERS

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Examiner : Unknown

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-284561, which published on October 12, 2001, which is discussed on page 3 of the specification, together with its patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001-0007475, which published on July 12, 2001;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-218612, which published on August 10, 1999, together with an English language translation of the same;

U.S. Patent No. 6,374,060 to MOGAMIYA, which issued on April 16, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,583,819 to ITO et al., which issued on June 24, 2003; and

U.S. Patent No. 4,611,243 to MORISAWA et al., which issued on September 9, 1986.

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under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the Japanese patent publications are attached and all of the documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also call the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/670,218 to MOGAMIYA et al., entitled "Electronic Still Camera and Image Pick-up Unit," filed on September 26, 2003;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/648,313 to MOGAMIYA et al., entitled "Electronic Still Camera," filed on August 27, 2003;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/859,396 to FUSHIMI et al., entitled "Image Pickup Device and its Cover Plate" filed on May 18, 2001; and

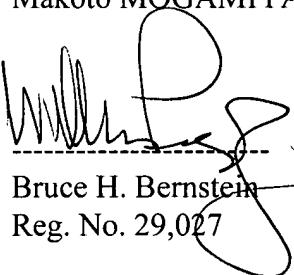
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/771,581 to OONO, entitled "Optical Low-Pass Filter," filed on January 30, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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